GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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SEA FOOD INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to implement any special scheme to improve sea food industry in the coastal States taking into account the vast manpower and infrastructure available there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of revenue generated through the sea food processing industries in West Bengal and Orissa during the last five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(A) TO (C): MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES EXTENDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FISH PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN THE FORM OF GRANT-IN-AID @ 25% OF THE COST OF PLANT & MACHINERY AND TECHNICAL CIVIL WORKS SUBJECT TO MAXIMUM OF RS. 50 LAKHS IN GENERAL AREAS OR 33.33% SUBJECT TO MAXIMUM OF RS. 75 LAKHS IN DIFFICULT AREAS.

AQUACULTURE IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR FOR SEAFOOD EXPORTS FROM THE COUNTRY. TO INCREASE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AQUACULTURE, THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS TAKEN INITIATIVES THROUGH NATIONAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR EXPANSION OF AQUACULTURE INTO NEW AREAS INCREASING THE PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY IN ALREADY DEVELOPED AREAS AND ALSO THROUGH DIVERSIFICATION OF AQUACULTURE. MAXIMUM EFFORTS ARE BEING DONE TO PROMOTE AQUACULTURE SECTOR IN ORDER TO SUPPLY RAW MATERIALS TO SEAFOOD INDUSTRY. THE DEVELOPMENT OF AQUACULTURE IN THE COASTAL STATES HAS GENERATED A LOT OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS PARTICULARLY AMONG THE RURAL POOR AND CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL ECONOMY AS WELL. AS ON 2005-06, ABOUT 1,91,000 HECTARE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR SHRIMP FARMING, AND ABOUT 51,500 HECTARE FOR SCAMPI FARMING, 1,43,170 MT OF SHRIMP AND 42,820 MT OF SCAMPI WERE PRODUCED RESPECTIVELY FOR EXPORT. A MISSION MODE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN INITIATED FOR EXPANSION OF SHRIMP AND SCAMPI FARMING IN UNDER-DEVELOPED AND UNUTILIZED AREAS OF GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA AND ORISSA. GOVERNMENT IS ENCOURAGING FARMERS TO FORM AQUA CLUBS FOR PROMOTING BETTER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN CLUSTERS OF SHRIMP FARMING AREAS AIMING TOWARDS INCREASING PRODUCTION, PRODUCTIVITY AND RETURNS. THIS CONCEPT HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING THE RISKS OF DISEASES AND INCREASING THE PRODUCTION AND AT THE SAME TIME REDUCING THE COST OF PRODUCTION. THE PILOT SCALE WORK DONE IN ANDHRA PRADESH IS NOW BEING EXPANDED TO OTHER STATES LIKE GUJARAT, KARNATAKA, TAMIL NADU AND ORISSA.

FURTHER, THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS ALSO INTRODUCED VARIOUS SCHEMES THROUGH MARINE PRODUCTS EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PROMOTING CAPTURE FISHERIES, CULTURE FISHERIES, DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES AND MARKET PROMOTION FOR IMPROVING/ EQUIPPING THE INDUSTRY FOR THE EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS.

(D): THE REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH EXPORTS BY THE SEAFOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN WEST BENGAL AND ORISSA DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS ARE FURNISHED BELOW:

PERIOD	WEST BENGAL (RS. CRORE)	ORISSA (RS. CRORE)
2006-07	558.75	355.18
2005-06	467.75	316.20
2004-05	447.12	248.68
2003-04	442.53	181.54
2002-03	417.90	259.04